

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12-16, 22, 23, 25, 27-30, 34, 45-47, 99-114 remain in the present application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 4, 8-11, 17-21, 24, 26, 31-33, 35-44, 48-50, and 79-98 have been withdrawn as being directed to non-elected species. Claims 51-78, which are readable on Species IV, have been canceled.

Claims 14, 106, 110, and 111 have been amended to correct inadvertent typographical errors. Claims 27, 33, and 110 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis and move the case towards allowance. More specifically, claims 27 and 110 have been amended to change the recitation of "the space" to "a space." Claim 33 has been amended to change the recitation of "the filler material" to "the liquid retention material."

In light of the preceding and the Amendment and Response filed on December 14, 2006, Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 12-16, 22, 23, 25, 27-30, 34, 45-47, and 99-114 are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be greatly appreciated.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the submission of this Response. If any fees are due, however, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fees to The H.T. Than Law Group, Deposit Account No. 50-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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